

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Legislative Update: March 1, 2013

The legislature has now been in session for 47 days (as of March 1) and has introduced 1215 items (1145 Bills and 70 Memorials & Resolutions). An article in the Arizona Republic last week estimated that only 285 – or a quarter of these bills would likely be passed into law. So far, two bills have been passed and signed into law. About 50 bills have potential to relate to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council interests; 40 of these are significant enough to track at this time. A total of 35 of these bills have been heard in committee meetings and are moving forward, 1 has been withdrawn (see the matrix below for details).

Important Dates: March 22 - Last day for the House consideration of Senate bills; Senate consideration of House bills. April 23 - Session's 100th day; sine die adjournment unless the Legislature choose to extend it.

A recap of important hearings this week includes the following details:

House Appropriations Committee: Three bills of interest were under review by the House Appropriations Committee on February 27. This included HB 2054 (Special Education Preschools at Charter Schools), HB 2091 (Orthotic Devices) and HB 2570 (Mental Health). These were all passed. The orthotic bill allows patients on AHCCCS to get orthotics if they are cheaper than the AHCCCS approved treatment. During the hearing, one example provided was of one patient who was authorized either an amputation or a wheelchair by AHCCCS regulations, but all he really needed was an orthotic device that was a cheaper alternative than either of the authorized procedures.

Senate Health and Human Services Committee: Two bills of interest were under review by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on February 27. These included HB2044 (AHCCCS 10 year continuation) and HB2066 (removal of archaic language regarding mental health). Again, both items passed.

Of course our federal scene and budget are also very important at this time. The ‘Sequestration’ issue is of keen importance to our state as the Congressional members in Washington, D.C. continue heated debate about many items that

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could have an impact on persons with developmental disabilities in Arizona. These possible issues include: Arizona potentially losing \$781,000.00 to help unemployed people get job skills and find work. Approximately 26,000 fewer people would be able to get assistance with job search efforts. Also, the state could lose \$10 million dollars in funding for programs that help students with physical disabilities and learning problems. There are also concerns about reductions in financial support for low-income families in terms of child care help and college aid.

We anticipate many important discussions beginning the week of March 4 on both the local and national levels about funding for services for many programs that provide direct assistance to citizens in our Arizona communities.

Additional Resources:

- AHCCCS Presentation on Medicaid Expansion – there are details found on the AHCCCS website that will be helpful to review to understand the full picture on this proposal and these debates:
<http://www.azahcccs.gov/reporting/Downloads/Legislation/Presentations/2-12-13approps.pdf>
- In addition, the Grand Canyon Institute has a thorough report on the potential impact of AHCCCS Medicaid expansion supporting the Governor's proposal. Note: This report was prepared prior to the Governor's proposal was released. This report can be found at <http://grandcanyoninstitute.org/>
- The Arizona Business Coalition also has published an item that includes frequently asked questions about Medicaid expansion. This report can be easily located at http://azchamber.com/uploads/Understanding_AHCCCS_and_Proposition_204.pdf *[Please note that AHCCCS coverage for children will be expanded as of January 1, 2014 regardless of the Arizona State Legislature's decision.]*

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Bill Status Summary Table**March 1, 2013**

Key:

Passed	In Progress	Failed
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* Indicates items new to the report this week

BILLS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ISSUES			
Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2001 Fact Sheet Pending	Representative C. Seel (REP)	State Health Care Exchange; Prohibition To make someone other than the State of Arizona responsible for establishing and administering the Health Insurance Exchange in AZ.	Not yet assigned to committee.
HB2016 Fact Sheet Pending	Representative P. Lovas (REP)	Technical Correction; Children; Guardianship This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to dependent children.	Not yet assigned to committee.
HB2022 Fact Sheet Pending	Representative S. Montenegro (REP)	Technical Correction; DES This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to child welfare and placement.	Not yet assigned to committee.

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HB 2044 Fact Sheet	Representative H. Carter (REP)	Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); Continuation. Extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years to July 1, 2023.	Passed House 2/13/13. Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13 2/27/13 Recommendation: Do Pass
HB 2045 Fact Sheet	Representative H. Carter (REP)	AHCCCS; Hospital Reimbursement Methodology Change the way hospitals are paid; no longer require legislature to approve new rates.	Passed House 2/21/13 Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/27/13
HB 2046 Fact Sheet	Representative H. Carter (REP)	AHCCCS; Omnibus Prepare for Affordable Healthcare Act by removing the Healthcare Group Program. Changes some types of services offered by AHCCCS.	Assigned to Health Committee. House second read: 1/16/13 Recommendation Do Pass with Amendments. 2/5/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2047 Fact Sheet	Representatives: D. Goodale (REP); P. Boyer (REP)	AIMS Replacement Effective July 1, 2014, the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test is eliminated and replaced with a competency test adopted by the State Board of Education	Passed House 2/5/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee and Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read 2/20/13
HB 2061 Fact Sheet Pending	Representative D. Goodale (REP)	Technical correction; Deaf; Blind Schools Amends or changes the current ARS in support of converting property received by gift, purchase or devise into money or property that can then be used.	Not yet assigned to committee.
HB 2066 Fact Sheet	Representatives H. Carter (REP); K. Brophy McGee (REP);	Definitions; Archaic Language; Removal Makes various changes to definition sections of current ARS in order to remove archaic language.	Passed House 2/6/13 Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Senate second read 2/20/13 2/27/13 Recommendation: Do Pass

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB2089 Fact Sheet	Representatives: K. Brophy McGee (REP); H. Carter (REP)	AHCCCS; Chronically Ill Children Amends or changes a variety of sections of the current statutes related to ACHHS.	Assigned to Health Committee and Appropriations Committee. House second read: 1/22/13 Recommendation: Do Pass 2/5/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y
HB2091 Fact Sheet	Representatives: K. Brophy McGee (REP); H. Carter (REP)	AHCCCS; Orthotic Services; Restoration Amends or changes services related to the AHCCCS system.	Assigned to Health Committee and Appropriations Committee. House second read: 1/22/13 Health Recommendation: Do Pass; Appropriations Recommendation: Do Pass with Amendments
HB 2144 Fact Sheet	Representatives: K. Brophy McGee (REP); C. Miranda (DEM); H. Carter (REP); D. Goodale (REP)	Child Protective Services Amends or changes the current ARS that defines the purpose of this agency to include investigations, safety matters, cooperative work with law enforcement agencies, coordination of permanent solutions on behalf of all children.	Assigned to Reform and Human Services Committee. House second read: 1/23/13 Recommendation: Do Pass with Amendments 2/26/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2148 Fact Sheet Pending	Representative C. Seel (REP)	DDD: Family Caregivers; Liability Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes by addition language on family caregivers and the issue of liability for these people.	Assigned to Health Committee. House second read: 1/23/13
HB 2158 Fact Sheet	Representative J. Kavanagh (REP).	Court-ordered Evaluations This bill is an emergency measure that allows a peace officer (officer) to detain a person who is believed to be a danger based on probable cause.	Assigned to Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee. House second read: 1/24/13 Recommendation: Do Pass 2/26/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y
HB 2161 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives: C. Campbell (DEM); E. Meyer (DEM), B. Wheeler (DEM), M. A. Cardenas (DEM), A. Delessandro (DEM); D. McCune Davis (DEM)	License Fee; Service Dogs; Waiver Amends or changes the language in the Arizona Revised Statutes on the process of animal registration and control.	Assigned to Agriculture and Water Committee. House second read: 1/23/13
HB 2168 Fact Sheet	Representative J. Dial (REP)	School Age Increase; Parental Permission Increases the school dropout age from 16 to 18, fully effective in the 2016-17 school year.	Assigned to Education Committee. House second read: 1/24/13 - Discussed & Held

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HB 2195 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives: C. Miranda (DEM); D. Lesko (REP); V. Steele (DEM); K. Brophy McGee (REP); M. A. Cardenas (DEM); L. C. Contreras (DEM); A. Dalessandro (DEM); R. Gabaldon (DEM); S. Gonzales (DEM); J. Mendez (DEM).	Schools; Student Behavior Threat Assessments Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to the State Board of Education.	Assigned to Education Committee and Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee. House second read: 1/24/13
HB 2214 Fact Sheet	Representatives J. Dial (REP); J. Kavanagh (REP).	Job Training Programs; Qualified Applicants Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to Arizona job training programs.	Assigned to Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee. House second read: 2/6/13 2/20/13 Discussed & Held
HB 2224 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives: L. Alston (DEM); S. Gonzales (DEM); J. Mendez (DEM).	Child Care Waiting List; Appropriations Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes to provide financial support related to child care and doing away with waiting lists for services.	Assigned to Reform and Human Services Committee and Appropriations Committee. House second read: 1/23/13

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HB 2259 Fact Sheet	Representatives T. Forese (REP); S. Montenegro (REP); W. Peterson (REP); J. Dial (REP); T.J. Shope (REP)	Vocational Rehabilitation; Prosthetic Appliances; Orthodontics NOW: Orthodontic devices; Transaction Privilege Tax For the purposes of vocational rehabilitation, the definition of "prosthetic appliance" is expanded to include orthodontic appliances.	Passed with Amendments 2/27/13 Assigned to Senate Finance Committee. First Senate read: 2/28/13
HB 2270 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives T. Forese (REP); B. Thorpe (REP)	Industry Specific Higher Education Programs Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes concerning universities.	Assigned to Commerce Committee and Higher Education and Workforce Committee. 2/4/13 Withdrawn
HB 2352 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives C. Seel (REP); A. Kwasman (REP); S. Smith (REP); D. Stevens (REP); B. Thorpe (REP); K. Townsend (REP); J. Allen (REP); B. Barton (REP); S. Borrelli (REP); D. Livingston (REP); D. Mitchell (REP); Senators: J. Burges (REP); K. Ward (REP)	AHCCCS; Expansion; Prohibition Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statute concerning the costs of Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System.	Assigned to Health Committee. House second read: 1/23/2013

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HB 2354 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives C. Seel (REP); A. Kwasman (REP); D. Stevens (REP); B. Thorpe (REP); J. Allen (REP); B. Barton (REP); D. Livingston (REP); D. Mitchell (REP); S. Smith (REP); K. Townsend (REP); Senator J. Burges (REP)	AHCCS: Childless Adults; Services; Prohibition Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relates to paying for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System and services to childless adults.	Assigned to Health Committee. House second read: 1/23/2013
HB 2376 Fact Sheet Pending	Representative C. Campbell (DEM);	Mandatory Mental Health Evaluation; Admission Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to mental health services.	Assigned to Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee and Appropriations Committee Second read: 1/23/2013
HB 2382 Fact Sheet Pending	Representative C. Campbell (DEM);	Repeal School Tuition Organizations Tax Credits; Repeal <input type="checkbox"/> Repeals the individual and corporate income tax credits and the insurance premium tax credit for contributions to school tuition organizations. Due to a potential increase in state revenue, this bill requires the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of each house of the Legislature for passage.	Assigned to Education Committee and Ways and Means Committee. Second read: 1/24/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2401 Fact Sheet	Representative H. Carter (REP)	Service Animal; Definition. Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to the handling of animals.	Passed House 2/26/13 Assigned to Senate Commerce Energy and Military Committee and Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/28/13
HB 2458 Fact Sheet	Representatives: P. Boyer (REP); J. Allen (REP); J. D. Mesnard (REP); J. Olson (REP); B. Robson (REP); K. Townsend (REP); S. Yarbrough (REP);	Empowerment Scholarship Accounts; Fraud Prevention Outlines additional policies that the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) can adopt to monitor fraudulent activity in Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA), and details what constitutes fraudulent use of an ESA.	Passed House 2/19/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Senate second read: 2/25/13
HB 2472 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives B. Thorpe (REP); C. Seel (REP); D. Stevens (REP); B. Barton (REP); D. Livingston (REP); K. Townsend (REP); Senator C. Crandell (REP)	Pupils; Chronic Health Problems; Absences Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to school district governing boards.	Assigned to Education Committee. House second read: 1/23/2013

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HB 2476 Fact Sheet	Representatives K. Townsend (REP); S. Borrelli (REP); A. Kwasman (REP); D. Lesko (REP); W. Peterson (REP); D. Stevens (REP);	Schools; Isolation Rooms; Restrictions This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to pupil discipline.	Passed House 2/26/13 Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Senate second read: 2/28/13
HB 2555 Fact Sheet	Representative J. Kavanagh (REP).	Potentially Violent Persons; Reporting Requirements This law relates to mental health reporting.	Assigned to Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee. House second read: 2/11/13 2/20/13 Do Pass with Amendments 2/26/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y

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SB 1006 Fact Sheet Pending	Senator E. Ableser (DEM)	Appropriations; Adult Education Programs Provide \$4.6 million for adult education programs.	Assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee Senate second read: 1/15/13
SB 1090 Fact Sheet	Senators: L. Landrum Taylor (DEM); D. Bradley (DEM); K. Hobbs (DEM); L. Lopez (DEM); B. McGuire (DEM); A. Tovar (DEM); N. Barto (REP); J. Burges (REP); R. Murphy (REP); K. Yee (REP); Representative C. Miranda (DEM);	Dependent Children; Placement; Grandparents; Stipend Restores a monthly stipend and other benefits to grandparents and great grandparents who are caring for their children.	Passed Senate with Amendments 2/18/13 Assigned to House Reform and Human Services Committee and Appropriations Committee. House second read: 2/20/13
SB 1093 Fact Sheet	Senator J. McComish (REP); Representatives J. Dial (REP); B. Robson (REP)	Disability Placards; Non-profit Organizations Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to special license plates.	Passed Senate 2/6/13 Assigned to House Transportation Committee House second read: 2/19/13

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SB 1100 Fact Sheet	Senators: K. Yee (REP); K. Hobbs (DEM); L. Landrum Taylor (DEM); L. Lopez (DEM); R. Meza (DEM); L. Pancrazi (DEM); M. Raegan (REP); N. Barto (REP); D. Bradley (DEM); C. Crandell (REP); A Driggs (REP); G. Griffin (REP); S. Pierce (REP); K. Ward (REP)	ASDB; Continuation Continues the Board of Directors of the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) for 10 years.	Passed Senate 2/6/13 Assigned to House Education Committee. House second read: 2/19/13 Recommendation: Do Pass 2/25/13

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SB1108 Fact Sheet	N. Barto (REP); J. Burges (REP); G. Griffin (REP); L. Landrum Taylor (DEM); R. Murphy (REP); D. Lesko (REP); A. Biggs (REP); D. Bradley (DEM); D. Shooter (REP); K. Ward (REP); S. Yarbrough (REP); K. Yee (REP)	Foster Home Licensure; Immunizations Prohibits DES from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.	2/20/13: Failed to pass Senate 14-15. 2/21/13 Passed Senate on reconsideration 27-2. Referred to House Reform & Human Services Committee. House second read: 2/26/13
SB 1201 Fact Sheet Pending	S. Farley (DEM); K. Hobbs (DEM); Ethan Orr (REP); N. Barto (REP); A. Tovar (DEM);	Caregiver Registries	Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee and Appropriations Committee. Senate second read: 1/29/13.
SB 1361 Fact Sheet Pending	Senators: K. Hobbs (DEM); L. Lopez (DEM); S. Farley (DEM); E. Meyer (DEM),	Schools; Corporal Punishment; Prohibition A teacher, principal or other school employee is prohibited from subjecting a student to "corporal punishment" (defined). This bill does not prevent a list of specified actions.	Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Senate third read: 02/5/2013

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SB1366 Fact Sheet Pending	R. Murphy (REP);	International Symbol of Access Placards A change to the number of placards allowed for a person who is permanently physically disabled.	Assigned to Transportation Committee. Senate second read: 2/5/13
SB 1419 Fact Sheet Pending	L. Pancrazi (DEM);	Motorized Wheel Chairs; Flags Requires a high visibility flag when a person operates a motorized wheelchair on a street.	Assigned to Transportation Committee. Senate second read: 2/6/13
SB 1423 Fact Sheet Pending	K. Hobbs (DEM);	Schools; Bullying Policies; Definition Updates the definition of "bullying". Also modifies the required elements of school district anti-bullying policies.	Assigned to Education Committee and Public Safety Committee. Senate second read: 2/6/13

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DETAILED INFORMATION

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Bills Related to Developmental Disability Issues:

HB 2001: STATE HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE; PROHIBITION

Status: Not yet assigned to committee.

Summary: Part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires a Health Insurance Exchange. A Health Insurance Exchange is a place where individuals may purchase health insurance with help from the federal government. This law would make the federal government responsible for establishing and administering the Health Insurance Exchange in Arizona.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2016: TECHNICAL CORRECTION; CHILDREN;
GUARDIANSHIP

Status: Not yet assigned to committee.

Summary: This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to dependent children.

The court may order or permit the filing of a motion for termination or permanent guardianship before a permanency hearing.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2022: TECHNICAL CORRECTION; DES

Status: Not yet assigned to committee.

Summary: This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to child welfare and placement.

This changes the administration of child placement as provided for in this part of the law to title 46, chapter 1.

Impact: • To be determined.

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HB 2044: ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS); CONTINUATION.

Status: Passed House 2/5/13. Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/19/13.
Recommendation: Do Pass

Summary: This law would extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years to July 1, 2023

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2045: AHCCCS; HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY

Status: Passed House 2/21/13. Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/27/13.

Summary: This law changes the way hospitals are paid using a process similar to those established in the Social Security Act. The law would no longer require the legislature to approve new rates.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2046: AHCCCS; OMNIBUS

Status: Assigned to Health Committee. House second read: 1/16/13
Recommendation: Do Pass with amendments. 2/5/13
Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y

Summary: This law gets the state ready for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) by removing the Healthcare Group program. The Healthcare Group of Arizona was created in 1985 by the Arizona State Legislature. The Healthcare Group is a state-sponsored, public-private partnership created to provide reasonably priced healthcare coverage to small businesses with 2-50 employees and political subdivisions. This group is no longer necessary under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The proposed law also changes some types of services covered by AHCCCS.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2047: PUPIL ASSESSMENTS; AIMS TRANSITION

Status: Passed House with amendments. Assigned to Senate Education Committee and Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13.

Summary: AIMS Replacement□

Effective July 1, 2014, the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test is eliminated and replaced with a competency test adopted by the State Board of Education

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2061: TECHNICAL CORRECTION; DEAF; BLIND SCHOOLS

Status: Not yet assigned to committee.

Summary: Amends or changes the current Arizona Revised Statutes relate to the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind in support of converting property received by gift, purchase or devise that is not originally suitable for use into money or property that can then be used by these school campuses/locations.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2066: DEFINITION; ARCHAIC LANGUAGE; REMOVAL

Status: Passed House. Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13.
Recommendation: Do Pass

Summary: Makes various changes to definition sections of statute in order to remove archaic language.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2089: AHCCCS; CHRONICALLY ILL CHILDREN

Status: Assigned to Health Committee and Appropriations Committee. House second read: 1/22/13 Recommendation: Do Pass. 2/5/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y

Summary: This law amends or changes a variety of sections of the current statutes related to ACHHS.

This law would include the following actions:

- a) Use a definition of chronic illness or physical disability;
- b) Specify a diagnosis before the age of 21 years of age and whose primary diagnosis is a severe physical condition that requires ongoing medical intervention;
- c) As monies are available – a program will be established for these children that evaluates their needs; gathers statistical information; and sets up service delivery.
- d) A statewide information and referral service to enhance service delivery
- e) Acceptance of federal monies for these services

f) This program will continue through July 1, 2023.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2091: AHCCCS; ORTHOTIC SERVICES; RESTORATION

Status: Assigned to Health Committee and Appropriations Committee. House second read: 1/22/13. **Recommendation:** Do Pass with amendments

Summary: This law amends or changes services related to the AHCCCS system.

This law restores coverage for orthotic device if it is prescribed; the device is less expensive than other treatment options or surgical procedures and it is medically recognized as the preferred treatment.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2144: CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Status: Assigned to Reform and Human Services Committee. House second read: 1/23/13. **Recommendation:** Do Pass with amendments.

2/26/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y

Summary: Amends or changes the section of the Arizona Revised Statutes that defines the purpose of this agency to include investigations, safety matters, cooperative work with law enforcement agencies, coordination of permanent solutions on behalf of all children.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2148: DDD: CAREGIVERS; LIABILITY

Status: Assigned to Health Committee. House second read: 1/23/13

Summary: Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes by the addition of language on family caregivers and the issue of liability for these people. This law says that a person who provides medical care to a family member who has a developmental disability shall hold the department harmless for any medical condition that results from providing that care.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2158: COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS

Status: Assigned to Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee. House second read: 1/24/13. Recommendation: Do Pass. 2/26/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y

Summary: This bill is an emergency measure that allows a peace officer (officer) to detain a person who is believed to be a danger based on probable cause, rather than observed behavior (current). It also extends the time period, from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, a person may be detained in custody for emergency admission.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2161: LICENSE FEE; SERVICE DOGS; WAIVER

Status: Assigned to Agriculture and Water Committee. House second read: 1/23/13.

Summary: Amends or changes the language in the Arizona Revised Statutes on the process of animal registration and control.

This law permits the members of the Board of Supervisors of each Arizona County to not charge a person with disability and who uses a service animal. The person with the service dog must provide proof that the dog is a service animal in order to not have to pay a regular fee.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2168: SCHOOL AGE INCREASE; PARENTAL PERMISSION

Status: Assigned to Education Committee. House second read: 1/24/13. Discussed and Held.

Summary: Increases the school dropout age from 16 to 18, fully effective in the 2016-17 school year.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2195: SCHOOLS; STUDENT BEHAVIOR THREAT ASSESSMENT

Status: Assigned to Education Committee and Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee. House second read: 1/24/13.

Summary: This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to the State Board of Education.

On or before January 1, 2015 the State Board of Education will adopt a pupil behavior threat assessment plan that may be used by school districts and charter schools. This will allow for coordination with mental health professionals and the law enforcement community.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2214: JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS; QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
Status: **Assigned to Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee. House second read: 2/6/13. 2/20/13 Discussed & Held.**

Summary: This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to Arizona job training programs.

Training opportunities will be awarded to the most qualified applicant; businesses will contribute in various forms to the cost of training as well as equipment (at a rate of about 25%). There will also be a connection to increased earnings for members of the current workforce who obtain new training.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2224: CHILD CARE WAITING LIST; APPROPRIATIONS
Status: **Assigned to Reform and Human Services Committee and Appropriations Committee. House second read: 1/23/13**

Summary: Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes to provide financial support related to child care and doing away with waiting lists for services.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2259: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES; ORTHODONTICS
Status: **Passed House with Amendments 2/26/13. Assigned to Senate Finance Committee. Senate first read: 2/28/13**

Summary: For the purposes of vocational rehabilitation, the definition of "prosthetic appliance" is expanded to include orthodontic appliances.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2270: INDUSTRY SPECIFIC HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Status: **Withdrawn 2/4/13**

Summary: Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes concerning universities. This law partners an organization named the Arizona Commerce Authority and our state universities in Arizona with industries to develop college level programs that are tailored to each industry's needs. The goal is to identify and help industries that pay wages that exceed the state of Arizona's average wage.

Impact:

- To be determined.

HB 2352: AHCCCS; EXPANSION; PROHIBITION

Status: **Assigned to Health Committee. House second read: 1/23/13**

Summary: Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statute concerning the costs of Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System. This law requires that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee must tell the Governor of Arizona, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that expansion of the AHCCCS will not cause a budget increase in Arizona for the next twenty years before the program services can be expanded.

Impact:

- To be determined.

HB 2354: AHCCS; CHILDLESS ADULTS; SERVICES; PROHIBITION

Status: **Assigned to Health Committee. House second read: 1/23/13**

Summary: Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes that relates to paying for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System and services to childless adults. This law would not allow the use of monies from any fund established under the written chapter 36 of the Arizona Revised Statutes to pay for services to childless adults.

Impact:

- To be determined.

HB 2376: MANDATORY MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION;
ADMISSION

Status: **Assigned to Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee and Appropriations Committee**
Second read: 1/23/2013

Summary: This law allows a peace officer who has contact with a person who possesses a firearm and the peace officer believes that the person as a result of mental illness is a danger to self or others, is persistently or acutely disabled or gravely disabled, the peace officer shall submit an application for a court ordered evaluation pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute Chapter 36-524. In addition, if it is deemed appropriate, an emergency admission can be also obtained. If a peace officer submits an application pursuant to this section, the peace officer shall temporarily seize the firearm.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2382: REPEAL SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATIONS TAX;
REPEAL

Status: Assigned to Education Committee and Ways and Means Committee. Second read: 1/24/2013

Summary: This law repeals the individual and corporate income tax credits and the insurance premium tax credit for contributions to school tuition organizations. Due to a potential increase in state revenue, this bill requires the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of each house of the Legislature for passage.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2401: SERVICE ANIMAL; DEFINITION.

Status: Passed House 2/26/13. Assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Health and Human Services committee. Senate second read: 2/28/13

Summary: Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to the handling of animals. This law clarifies and expands the definition of the term service animal to include an animal that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability including physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. This includes a miniature horse that is individually trained to do work for a disabled individual.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2458: EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS; FRAUD PREVENTION

Status: Passed House 2/19/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Senate second read 2/25/13.

Summary: Outlines additional policies that the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) can adopt to monitor fraudulent activity in Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA) and details what constitutes fraudulent use of an ESA.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2472: PUPILS; CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS; ABSENCES

Status: Assigned to Education Committee.
House second read: 1/23/2013

Summary: Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to school district governing boards. This law further clarifies that school district policies and procedures shall prohibit the district from expelling, suspending or withdrawing from enrollment pupils with chronic health problems due solely to extended absences from school.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2476: SCHOOLS; ISOLATION ROOMS; RESTRICTIONS

Status: Passed House 2/26/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Senate second read: 2/28/13

Summary: This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to pupil discipline. It provides for the following actions: beginning in the school year 2013-2014, disciplinary policies for the confinement of pupils left alone in an enclosed space will ensure the criteria for confinement; the size of the room in which the confinement will occur; the maximum number of minutes that the pupil will be physically prevented from exiting the room in which the confinement occurs; the method for monitoring the pupil.

Impact: • To be determined.

HB 2555: POTENTIALLY VIOLENT PERSONS; REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Status:** Assigned to Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs Committee. 2/20/13: Do Pass with amendments. 2/26/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y
- Summary:** This law requires licensed health professionals or teachers (including aides) to report to law enforcement if they believe (reasonable cause) a client or student is a danger to self or others.
- Impact:** • To be determined.
- SB 1006:** APPROPRIATIONS; ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- Status:** Assigned to Appropriations Committee. Senate second read: 1/15/2013.
- Summary:** This law would give the Department of Education \$4,600,000 for adult education programs. Specific programs have not been identified yet.
- Impact:** • To be determined.
- SB 1090:** DEPENDENT CHILDREN; PLACEMENT; GRANDPARENTS; STIPEND
- Status:** Passed Senate with amendments 2/18/13. Assigned to House Reform and Human Services Committee and Appropriations Committee. House second read: 2/20/2013.
- Summary:** Restores a monthly stipend and other benefits to grandparents and great grandparents who are caring for their children.
- Impact:** • To be determined.
- SB 1093:** DISABILITY PLACARDS; NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- Status:** Passed Senate 2/6/13. Assigned to House Transportation Committee. House second read: 2/19/13.
- Summary:** Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to special license plates. This law allows the issuance of up to three permanently disabled removable windshield placards to a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to senior citizens.

Impact: • To be determined.

SB 1100: ASDB; CONTINUATION

Status: **Passed Senate. Assigned to House Education Committee.
House second read: 2/18/13. Recommendation: Do Pass
2/25/13**

Summary: This law continues the Board of Directors of the Arizona State
Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) for 10 years.

The ASDB was established in 1912 to serve children from birth through age 21. The schools currently serve over 2200 students on three campuses, preschool services and contracted services provided at local schools. The Board continues until July 1, 2023 and there is no anticipated fiscal impact to the general fund.

Impact: • To be determined.

SB 1108: FOSTER HOME LICENSURE; IMMUNIZATIONS

Status: **Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee.
2/20/13: Failed to pass Senate 14-15. 2/21/13: Passed House
on re-consideration 27-2. Assigned to House Reform &
Human Services Committee. House second read: 2/26/13.**

Summary: This law changes the requirements and condition of foster home
licensure.

The Department of Economic Security is prohibited from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.

Impact: • To be determined.

SB 1201: CAREGIVER REGISTRIES

Status: **Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee and
Appropriations Committee. Senate second read: 1/29/2013**

Summary: Requires the Department of Health Services to establish registries of caregivers who have a substantiated history of abuse of persons with a developmental disability and persons who receive care in an assisted living facility, nursing care institution or in-home care. The registries must be available to the public on the Department's website.

Impact: • To be determined.

SB 1361: SCHOOLS; CORPORAL PUNISHMENT; PROHIBITION

Status: Assigned to Senate Education Committee. Senate second read: 2/05/2013

Summary: A teacher, principal or other school employee is prohibited from subjecting a student to "corporal punishment" (defined). Does not prevent a list of specified actions.

Impact: • To be determined.

SB 1366: INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS PLACARDS

Status: Assigned to Senate Transport Committee. Senate second read: 2/05/2013

Summary: A person who is permanently physically disabled is permitted to obtain a permanently disabled removable windshield placard for each vehicle registered to the disabled applicant, instead of only one placard per applicant.

Impact: • To be determined.

SB 1419: MOTORIZED WHEEL CHAIRS; FLAGS

Status: Assigned to Senate Transport Committee. Senate second read: 2/06/2013

Summary: When a person operates a motorized wheelchair on a street, a flexible rod that is at least six feet long and that displays an orange flag must be attached to the back of the wheelchair.

Impact: • To be determined.

SB 1423: SCHOOLS; BULLYING POLICIES; DEFINITION

Status: Assigned to Senate Education Committee and Public Safety Committee. Senate second read: 2/06/2013

Summary: Defines "bullying" as any written, verbal or physical act or any electronic communication that is intended to harm a student. Charter schools are required to prescribe and enforce policies and procedures to prohibit students from harassing, intimidating and bullying other students. The policies and procedures must include specified elements. Also modifies the required elements of school district anti-bullying policies.

Impact: • To be determined.

**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS PASSED/SIGNED
INTO LAW**

- [HCR 2019](#) National Wear Red Day
- [SR 1003](#) Honoring Paul & Lorena Williams
- [HCR2034](#) Arizona Territory; 150th Anniversary